

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RAIL CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE**



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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Indiana General Assembly enacted P.L. 28 -2000 (extended by P.L. 114-2005, with an expiration of November 1, 2010) that directed the Committee to do the following:

- (1) Study the safety of rail corridors, including corridors at overpasses, underpasses, and crossings.
- (2) Review railroad safety records.
- (3) Study methods of encouraging cooperation among the railroads, local government, state government, and federal government to enhance the safety of railroads.
- (4) Study other topics as assigned by the Legislative Council.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Committee met two times during the 2009 interim session, on September 25 and October 30.

The Committee received information on and discussed the following issues:

- Updates for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) on the Rail Grade Crossing Improvement Fund and related activities of the INDOT Rail Division.
- Activities report from Indiana Operation Lifesaver (INOL).
- Tax credits for railroad infrastructure improvement.
- Other railroad track equipment.
- Testimony on Preliminary Draft (PD) 3245 which requires the driver of vehicle to stop at a railroad crossing upon the approach of on-track equipment. (Current law requires a vehicle to stop at a railroad crossing upon approach of a train). The Committee recommended PD 3245 for introduction in the 2010 session of the General Assembly.

The Committee is not required to file a final report. For further details, meeting minutes for the Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at

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